

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, the specification is amended to correctly make reference to the Computer Listing Appendix included with the application, and to accurately provide the identifying information required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52, 1.77 and 1.96.

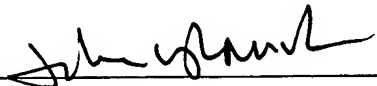
By Preliminary Amendment dated January 20, 2004, the Specification was amended by adding paragraph [0001.1] to make reference to the included Computer Listing Appendix submitted with the application on compact discs and to provide the necessary identifying information. On May 7, 2004, a Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application was mailed from the USPTO asserting that some files on the originally filed discs were in non-ASCII format and requiring a new duplicate, replacement set of discs. In response, Applicants submitted a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 for a determination that the files contained on the compact discs filed with the application were received by the USPTO and provided a replacement set of discs omitting the non-ASCII format files. The Petition offered to file a preliminary amendment to correct the reference to the Computer Listing Appendix included in the specification of the application. The specification should be amended by deleting the reference to the non-ASCII files which have been removed from the replacement discs.

A Decision on Petition mailed October 22, 2004, granted Applicants' petition and approved the cancellation of the references to the non-ASCII files by filing a preliminary amendment. Accordingly, by this paper, the application is amended to delete reference to the non-ASCII files named **motx.pjt** and **wirbd3_5.pjt**. No other amendments are made and no new matter is added by this amendment.

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With this Preliminary Amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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